

Tree Life Sponsorship Programme Guide

2024 Sponsorship

Education has a very important role to play in the lives of individuals and families. The objective of our sponsorship programme is to give an opportunity to two individuals to support a programme of study undertaken with Tree Life to enhance their own learning opportunity and advance their own careers and better provide for their families.

The support will take the form of fiscal sponsorship and provide £1200.00 for a candidate studying and completing a course of training/instruction with us for the diploma at Level 4 and £1700.00 for a candidate studying and completing the Accredited Training Programme in Urban Tree Management.

Criteria for eligibility

- The sponsorship is open to anyone to provide support that enables you to enter a course of study which, without the fiscal assistance it would not be as feasible.
- For the Level 4, activity for which the funding is sought commences in September 2024 and *remains continuous*.
- For the Accredited Training Programme in Urban Tree Management, activity for which the funding is sought commences in September 2024 and *remains continuous*.
- Fully completed and signed Course Application Form
- Fully completed and signed Sponsorship Application Form including:
 - (i) 500-word statement as per the guidance given
 - (ii) Curriculum vitae
 - (iii) A piece of your own work in answer to a set question

All submitted by email to arrive at the Tree Life office by the closing date of end **31st May 2024**

Terms and Conditions:

- Applications not meeting the eligibility criteria above will not be assessed.
- Successful applicants are expected to acknowledge the source of funding in any dissemination of the funded work and Tree Life may use your name in publicity material with prior agreement.
- Funds awarded are not transferable to other activities.
- Recipients will be required to submit evidence of payment of the usual enrolment/deposit fee before the funds can be applied.
- Preference will be given to those individuals who the judges believe require fiscal support to aid attendance at their chosen course.
- The decision of the judges is final and feedback will not be available for unsuccessful applications.
- Candidates not completing the course of study may be asked to pay back all or part of the sponsorship money at the discretion of Tree Life.
- The statement must not exceed the stated maximum number of words otherwise the application will not be eligible.

Timescale:

- The closing date is strictly end of **31st May 2024**
- Applicants will be informed of the outcome from **31st June 2024**

Information about the funding:

The money awarded to a candidate will be held by Tree Life and deducted from the final invoice for your course before VAT is applied – which means you save the VAT too!

This sponsorship can only be applied to your course costs; this is not funding that is given to a candidate for outside costs.

How to apply

Please fully complete the application form by typing. You can cut and paste into the boxes.

There is space on the form for your 500-word statement. However, this can be attached as a separate page.

Guidance on writing your statement is given below. Please do not attach any other documentation or letters as these cannot be considered by the judging panel.

The selection panel will consist of at least 3 judges.

Guidance on writing your 500-word statement:

Tree Life is keen to ensure that applicants demonstrate a clear understanding of our commitment to valuing education and advancement of arboriculture. Applications will be assessed on your 500-word statement as follows:

- Nature of the activity to be undertaken (10% of marks) and its contribution to your career development.
- Potential impact of the activity on the care of trees. (50% of marks). Within this section you may want to pay particular attention to the diversity of trees that can potentially benefit from the service you may provide as a result of gaining the qualification being studied for.
- Anticipated other benefits (30% of marks). For example, but not exhaustive, to leadership, to colleagues, to advancing arboricultural knowledge at your place of work, implementing health and safety legislation, contributing to the education of others.
- A further 10% of marks will be given for describing why your circumstances would benefit from fiscal support. If your course costs will be fully or partially funded by another person, company or other sponsor, you should include this when describing why you would benefit from the Tree Life Sponsorship. Funding that does not apply to the course costs (eg for books or a laptop) is not considered to apply to the course costs for this purpose.

The set piece of work will be marked against a model answer 20 marks for Level 4 and 25 marks for the Accredited Training Programme in Urban Tree Management. The instructions for this are found in the Sponsorship Application Form.

How to submit your Sponsorship application:

Send your completed Sponsorship Application Form by email to admin@treelifeac.co.uk – remember to include the Course Application Form too, which you can find at the back of our

Course Information Booklet! You must send both in before the deadline; if you are sending the Sponsorship Form after the Course Application Form please inform us of this.

Any questions can be addressed by contacting admin@treelifeac.co.uk or Tel No: 01162 606939

Please note the following:

- We will not be accepting postal applications in 2024
- We regret we are unable to accept faxed applications
- We are unable to accept late applications
- Information cannot be returned
- If you apply for the sponsorship and do not win, you will be invoiced for the course costs as you have chosen on the Course Application Form. If the sponsorship would make the difference between attending and withdrawing from the course, please discuss this with Tree Life when you apply.

The Tree Life Sponsorship Programme provides funds to enable individual arboriculturists to further their professional development and enhance the standard of expertise in their field.